

The Philippine Islands, where fifty-five volumes are needed to encompass the translations of documents and books of historical importance concerning the Philippines. As a beginning, it would appear not out of place to include the Italian Antonio Pigafetta's *Primo Viaggio Intorno Al Mondo*

("First Voyage Around the World"), which is a journal by a participant of Ferdinand Magellan's circumnavigation of the world, including his appearance in the Philippines. Of the strictly Spanish descriptions of the Philippines, it is everywhere conceded that the most reliable is the first by Chief Justice Antonio de Morga, *Sucesos de las Islas Filipinas*

("Events of the Philippine Islands"), which work gains additional prestige because considered of enough importance to warrant an English translation by Lord Stanley and because of an edition brought out by Rizal. The descriptive articles on the Philippines prepared by the Catholic Fathers are numerous, but here again it is generally admitted that *Estadismo* ("Travels") by Joaquin Martinez de Zuniga, O.S.A., an illustrious member of the Augustinian Order, is the best because characterized by a charming style and careful observation. Foreign writers on the Philippines were not lacking during the Spanish regime, but it is conceded that the book by the German naturalist Feodor Jagor, *Reisen in den Philippinen*

(Spanish translation, "*Viajes For Filipino,**"; English translation, "Travels in the Philippines"), is outstanding because the author was a keen and trained scientific observer.

Coming now to the American occupation of the Philippines,

our task of selection is not made difficult by paucity of material to select from, but is complicated by the very fact that there has been so much produced on the Philippines. The arrival of the American fleet under the command of Commodore George Dewey in Manila Bay on May 1, 1898, and the naval battle which followed had about the same relative importance as the arrival of Magellan and later of Legaspi had in Spanish times. One "discovered" the Philippines for